

A bill for an act

relating to veterans; clarifying the transit fee exemption provisions related to veterans with service-connected disabilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, sections 174.24, subdivision 7; 473.408, subdivision 10.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 174.24, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Transit service for disabled veterans.** On and after July 1, 2009, an eligible recipient of operating assistance under this section, who contracts or has contracted to provide fixed route public transit, shall provide fixed route public transit service free of charge for veterans, as defined in section 197.447, certified as disabled. For purposes of this section, "certified as disabled" means certified in writing by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans affairs as having a ~~permanent~~ service-connected disability.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 473.408, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Transit service for disabled veterans.** (a) On and after July 1, 2009, the council shall provide regular route transit, as defined in section 473.385, subdivision 1, free of charge for veterans, as defined in section 197.447, certified as disabled. For purposes of this section, "certified as disabled" means certified in writing by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans affairs as having a ~~permanent~~ service-connected disability.

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2.1 (b) The requirements under this subdivision apply to operators of regular route
2.2 transit (1) receiving financial assistance under section 473.388, or (2) operating under
2.3 section 473.405, subdivision 12.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.